THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is schope for increasing fish production from the waters of Orissa.

(b) Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 604.25 lakhs has been released to the State during the last three years (1988-89 to 1990-91) for the development of marine fisheries.

(c) The target set for marine fish production in Orissa in the Eighth Plan is 1.30 lakh tonnes.

Danish Assistance for Integrated Catile Development Project

2261. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Integrated Cattle Development Projects are being introduced in some States with the assistance of Danish Government;

(b) whether any such project has been launched in Orissa;

(c) if so. the districts covered under the project and since when; and

(d) the details of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A project proposal for Integrated Livestock Development in Koraput District of Orissa with Danish assistance is waiting clearance of Danish authorities. The details of this project are being finalised.

A project for livestock development in Pudukkottai District of Tamil Nadu is being implemented with Danish assistance since 1990-91. The Danish assistance to be received under this project is of the order of Rs. 4.40 crores.

'Lok Dhara' Groundnut Oil

2262. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been undue delay in the release of much awaited 'Lok Dhara' groundnut oil;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposal was approved in June, 1991;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(d) by when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) NDDB had requested Department of Health that it should be permitted to blend edible oils. NDDB plans to sell blended oil under the brand name 'Lok Dhara'.

(b) NDDB's proposal was approved in an inter-departmental meeting in April, 1991. However, it was subsequently reconsidered and again approved by Government.

(c) The grant of permission by Department of Health was delayed due to inter-departmental consultations.

(d) The amendment under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules is under finalisation by Department of Health. A draft notification was published in the gazette on 20-9-91. Comments received have been examined in consultation with experts and a final notification is being processed.

Maximum residue level for pesticides

2263. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed Maximum Residue Level (MRL) for 50 registered pesticides only;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and